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2012 Annual Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearings Held in Culver City, Sacramento

Individuals and businesses with ideas or concerns about the administration and oversight of California's business and property taxes are invited to attend the Board of Equalization's (BOE) annual Taxpayers' Bill of Rights hearings in Culver City on April 24 and in Sacramento on June 26, BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton announced today.

"It is critical that taxpayers have an opportunity to have their voices heard," said Chairman Horton. "We want to make sure that families, individuals, and small businesses across California have a forum for expressing their views."

In addition to safeguarding the rights, privacy, and property of taxpayers, Chairman Horton is interested in discussing ways to help taxpayers better understand California's tax laws.

The Taxpayers' Bill of Rights hearings will each begin at approximately 1:30 p.m. at the following two locations:

Tuesday April 24, 2012	Board of Equalization District Office 5901 Green Valley Circle, Suite 207 Culver City, CA 90230
Tuesday June 26, 2011	Board of Equalization Headquarters Building 1st Floor Board Room, Room 121 450 N Street Sacramento , CA 95814

Each of the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights public hearings will also be streamed live at www.boe.ca.gov.

Taxpayers interested in making a presentation at the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearings are invited to contact the BOE Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office by calling toll-free 888-324-2798, or by email at www.boe.ca.gov/info/emailtra.htm.

More information about the annual hearings is available online at www.boe.ca.gov/meetings/heartra.htm.

Enacted in January 1989, the Harris-Katz California Taxpayers' Bill of Rights requires that the BOE ensure that the rights of California taxpayers are protected during the assessment and collection of sales and use taxes. The Taxpayers' Bill of Rights was expanded in 1993 to include special tax programs such as excise, fuel, and alcohol taxes, and the Morgan Property Taxpayers' Bill of Rights was added in 1994. The BOE is required by law to conduct public Bill of Rights hearings annually.

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization Legislative Committee chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000 to 2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business taxes appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property tax. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office: www.boe.ca.gov/tra/tra.htm

Taxpayers' Rights Advocate's 2010-11 Annual Report: www.boe.ca.gov/tra/tra1011.pdf

Publication 70, *Understanding Your Rights as a California Taxpayer*: www.boe.ca.gov/pdf/pub70.pdf

Taxes and Fees Administered by the California Board of Equalization: www.boe.ca.gov/pdf/pub41.pdf

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